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SUBJECT: MARSHALL SOGHOIAN CASE

REF: LUSAKA 28

1. MEETING BETWEEN JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AND SOGHOIAN ATTORNEYS TOOK PLACE JANUARY 4 AT WHICH DEFENSE CONTRARY TO EXPECTATION INDICATED ITS DISPOSITION AT THIS TIME TO PROCEED TO TRIAL RATHER THAN PLEAD GUILTY. DEFENSE HOWEVER SAID IT MIGHT RE-EVALUATE ITS POSITION BEFORE TRIAL.

2. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT NEXT WEEK WILL SEEK SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT CHARGING MULTIPLE POSSESSION BUGGING DEVICES. WE SHOULD HAVE IDEA ABOUT TRIAL DATE BY JANUARY 7. IT PROBABLY WILL OCCUR IN NEXT 2 MONTHS.

3. FACT THAT TWO DEVICES CITED IN REFTTEL ARE KEY PIECES OF EVIDENCE IN CASE SUGGESTS POSSIBILITY PROPERTY CLAIM ASPECTS OF CASE NOT UNRELATED TO PLEA BARGAINING NEGOTIATIONS HERE.

4. AS MADE CLEAR IN DISCUSSIONS HERE WITH MISIYA, ONLY PROPERTY TO WHICH GRZ PROVED OWNERSHIP AND RPT AND WHICH
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WAS NOT OF EVIDENTIARY VALUE IN TRIAL COULD BE RELEASED.

WHILE REQUESTING YOU WITHHOLD ANY DEFINITE RESPONSE TO
CHONA UNTIL WE HAVE REVIEWED GRZ ATTESTATIONS, BELIEVE IT
WOULD BE USEFUL TO REMIND HIM OF ABOVE ASPECTS OF OUR
UNDERSTANDING WITH MISIYA IF APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY
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